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For: SEALING MATERIAL USED FOR TRANSPARENT MATERIAL HAVING
PHOTOCATALYST LAYER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of

Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: Documents JP 59-078220, JP 2001-180979 and JP 2002-194876 were cited in the International Search Report submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 13, 2005, and have been considered and made of record by the Examiner.

The JP publications of these documents were submitted at that time. Applicant is now submitting an abstract and partial English translation of JP 59-078220. Further, abstracts and complete English translations of JP 2001-180979 and JP 2002-194876 are being submitted herewith. The abstracts and translations constitute a concise statement of the relevance of these documents.

In addition, the following documents are cited and discussed in the present specification: JP 10-205013 at pages 2 and 4, and JP 2002-167871 and JP 8-302856 at pages 3 and 4. The discussion of these documents constitutes a concise statement of the relevance of these documents.

Finally, U.S. Patent 6,025,445 corresponds to the listed JP 10-205013 and constitutes a further concise statement of the relevance of this document.

A complete translation of any of the foreign-language documents will be prepared on the Examiner's request.

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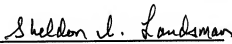
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